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### Original Oscarisms.

In the present attitude of the English it is virtually a breach of good form to allude to the lamented Wilde. His name, like that of the monster Darrant, may hardly be mentioned in polite society. Still, there is no denying his existence, and I am quite sure neither morality nor letters will be aided by confering oblivion on him. Prior to the detestable exposure that converted his notoriety into noxious vulgarity, Wilde was esteemed one of the cleverest of British litter-the boards of important London theatres; his poems were given to the public in the most admirable typographical dress. His epigrams were quoted in the drawing rooms of London and New York; he had attained the completest vogue, the very summit of notoriety. At that time, Labouchere's weekly, Truth offered for the best "Oscarism," as it is fashionable to call these epigrams, a valuable prize, and the competition drew answers from everywhere. The reward was divided between the writers of "a profligacy that debarred him even the best society," and "He has so much conceit that he fancies he has none at all"; but I cannot think the judge chose as wisely as possible. The discriminating may select their favorites from amongst the list given below-a form of literary indulgence I cannot believe will be

> is the model. These are the best out of a page of specimens, and some of them are really superior to the originals in Lady Windermere's Fan.

A profligacy which debarred him even from the very best He has so much conceit that he

even fancies he has none at all. Punctuality is the earliest form the unbelievable. The amateur house. is only a synonym for the immature. Who shall agree when doctors decide? Cowards make conscience for us all. What can't be endured must be cured. The importance of being earnest is nothing to the importance of being important. Remorse is an

emotion only felt before break-

Formerly our ancestors were an incitement to virtue; now they are the excuse for our vices. The fin de siecle fifth command ment is: "Honor thy children. who do not wish that thy days may be long in the land that thou givest them." To lose your parents is sometimes diplomacy. To find them again is carelessness. He thinks he is religious, but he is only nucivil.

The optimism of the many is the opportunity of the few. Public opinion may sway the city, but it is public-house opinion that governs the country town. If the masses were really edu-Merchants' Exchange cated, there would be more originality in crime. Success is the art of deceiving others. Happiness is the art of deceiving one' self. Originality is imitation tempered by genius. A grave demeanor is the cloak of incompettence. It is easy enough to tell the truth; the art is how best not to-day with 800 soldiers. to tell it. "The Advantage of being Earnest" shows the folly of being wise. Modern courtship, in three chapters: Cheek Chec-

que-Chuck. It's an ill wind that blows ready to pay the money England other people any good. A journ- asks, but objects to making the alist is an anonymous writer of apology demanded. A telegram fiction twenty-four hours late, to that effect is said to have been Genius is the persistent attempt sent to England. to make sure that you can't | Managua (Nicaragua), April 26

portance of being trivial.

to say what you do.

it is utterly thrown away. Marriage is the mistake of the many. otherwise marriage would be a failure. Marriage is universally plural; love is general! Chivalry is masculine motherliness.

What is a friend? The only person who can betray you in the hour of need. Evil communications are the beginning of knowl-

The Ware.

### FOREIGN NEWS.

fraught with specially dangerous British Troops Landed to exact an indemnity and reasonconsequences even though Wilde in Nicaragua.

> has been closed. The three principles of international law and British warships -the Royal comity. Arthur, Satellite and Wild Swan -have declared a peaceful blockade of the port.

after midnight and immediately of boredom. Faith is belief in took possession of the Custom- try has not in any degree served

-(Midnight).-Rear Admiral Ste- to the execution of the British phenson has just sent the follow- programme in Nicagua, however, ino note to the Commander of the the State Department was very

accordance with the notice com- annex a foot of Nicaragua soil nor municated by me to the Foreign to interfere with the republican Minister at Managua the three form of government there. It was days allowed by me will expire at fully intended that the notice midnight of Friday, April 26th, should be taken as an exposition and if the demands of my Gov- of the position of his Government ernment have not been complied in the matter, and it is asserted with it is my intention to occupy that the fears expressed by the the town of Corinto with an Latin-American diplomatists here armed force to-morrow morning, that the landing of Brilish troops the 27th inst., at I o'clock

guard under your orders shall be British of the territory in dispute disarmed and that their arms, with Krupp guns and ammunition shall be handed over to Ceptain Frederick French of the Royal

Corinto, April 26.—The British have not landed. Artillery has been placed in position down town so as to insure, in case of the landing of an armed British force, that the lives and property of natives and foreigners shall be protected. The excitement has cooled somewhat. General Rivas of Mosquito coast fame arrived

Leona (Nicaragua), April 26 .-The troops are ordered to be ready to march on an hour's notice. A semi-official telegram from Managua says the Government is

Cleaning and Repairing Done in First class Style achieve your wishes. A lawyer is a -The Government has found that

learned gentleman who rescues the promises of aid from other your estate from your enemy- Central American countries in and keeps it himself. But for case of trouble with England progress the world might get on were worthless, with the excepvery well. Nothing plagues a tion of that of Honduras. That playwright so much as the im- country is ready to help. An American fleet is expected at The New Woman dates from Corinto anxiously. The town is Paradise; she is only Eve in peaceful, although the British knickerbockers. Modern woman warships appear to be getting is the immaculate conception of everything in readiness to land an ideal. Women's rights are troops if necessary. There is a men's derelicts. Man is a delu- general feeling that Nicaragua sion; woman optical delusion. must accede to Britain's demand. With some, love is the end of but many hope to obtain a delay life; with many marriage is the The Government secured only end of love. To be good is better \$123,000 in silver by subscripthan to be beautiful, is the sheet tion. Foreign Minster Matus anchor of the hopelessly plain. It and British Minster Goeling conis usually good policy to do what ferred this morning, after which you say, but ineffable stupidity the latter wired to London, This gave rise to rumors that a settle-Love is like a certain precious ment had been reached, A reointment: of most account when port is current this afternoon that a settlement will be made within a few hours. Foreign Minster Society is the solitude of the civil- Matus says the Government is ized The most exquisite human | doing and has done all-that is sense is that of disappointment; possible to bring about a peaceful and honorable arrangement.

Washington, April 26 -- In explanation of the refusal of the Administration to entertain Nicaragua's appeal for protoction against Great Britain it is now learned that the United States is reserving its energies so as to deal with the Venezuelan question becomingly when the orisis, which cannot be much longer averted, is reached. The British Government has been given to understand that the United States does not take issue with it as to the right able reparation from Nicaragua, considering the gravity of the offense committek by the Nicaea Chicago, April 27 .- A Times gua Government in expelling a Br--Herald special from Colon says: official and British subject from The port of Corinto, Nicaragua, that country in defiance of all

The fact that Americans exeplled at the sam time by the Nica-Troops were landed shortly ragua grverment were afterwards permitted do return to the counto palliate the offense committed There is great excitement in the | against Great Britain and against civilization in the eyes of the Corinto (Nicaragua), April 26 State Department.. In consenting dareful to give full notice that it "I have to inform you that in would not permit the British to at Corinto would be the forerunner "I desire that the military of a forcible occupation by the between Great Britain and Vene zuela is without foundation.

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